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California Environmental Protection Agency
Air Resources Board

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Ref: ARB Emissions Reduction Plan for Ports & Goods Movement in California

Dear Chairman Sawyer & Board Members:

My name is Gordana Kiorpeoglov and I live at 231 West 11th Street San Pedro, California. I am married and have adult children. My husband is a merchant marine. I am a proud member of the ACLU and the Coalition For A Safe Environment.

I am here because every day I see children and families suffering with asthma and numerous respiratory health problems due to Port air pollution. Every day I read in the newspapers of innocent people dying of cancer and heart diseases.

San Pedro, Wilmington and Long Beach residents never have a clean air day. I know and everyone knows that the Ports are the # 1 largest source of air pollution in Southern California. Every medical and scientific study states that ships, trucks and trains air pollution causes cancer.

WalMart, Kmart, Costco, Home Depot, Levis and Disneyland etc. do not care about our lives or health. They only think of making a profit. Everyone one of these companies made over \$ 1 billion in profit last year and did not donate one dime for public health care from the pollution their business causes.

The California Air Resources Board is the Government Agency responsible for protecting our lives and health. 2,400 innocent people dying every year is not acceptable. You must protect every life equally.

I ask you to do these things:

1. # 1 Protect innocent lives.
2. Adopt the most stringent air pollution standards in California.
3. Create a Harbor Community Mitigation Plan to reduce air pollution by 90% within 10 years.
4. Make the Ports & Private Businesses pay for pollution clean-up
5. Make the polluter pay for public health care.